

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1742

As of March 27, 1995

Title: An act relating to transferring support responsibility for the energy facility site evaluation council to the department of community, trade, and economic development.

Brief Description: Providing that the department of community, trade, and economic development provide support for the energy facility site evaluation council.

Sponsors: Representatives Mitchell, Casada and K. Schmidt.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations: 3/28/95.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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Background: In 1970, the Legislature created the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) to coordinate the evaluation, siting, and licensing of major non-hydroelectric energy facilities. Since 1990, the Washington State Energy Office (WSEO) has been responsible for providing administrative assistance, space, and other support necessary for EFSEC activities.

The Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development (DCTED) is responsible, among other things, for promoting community and economic development within the state, coordinating and administering energy assistance and residential energy conservation programs, serving as central coordinator for state government in implementing the Growth Management Act, and providing emergency management services.

Summary of Bill: Responsibility for providing administrative assistance, space, and other support necessary for EFSEC activities is transferred from WSEO to DCTED.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.